

Pratt, Arthur C

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Suite #15, 15 Toronto St.,
Toronto, Jan. 26, 1915.

Dear Mr. President:

For some years I have been President and Manager of the Canadian Correspondence College. In 1905 this College was affiliated with the Home Correspondence School of Canada, which I founded.

For at least fifteen years I have been greatly interested in teaching by correspondence, and I have spent a great deal of money in perfecting the necessary organization to carry such work on successfully. It cost me something over Thirteen Thousand Dollars to organize the Home Correspondence School, and place it on a paying basis, and I have no doubt that it cost the Directors of the Canadian Correspondence College that much, or more, prior to our amalgamation.

At the present time, our provincial University is carrying on some form of correspondence teaching, and it has occurred to me that perhaps an arrangement might be reached between the University and our company, whereby the work of the University might be greatly enlarged. It is improbable that the University will have the organization that we have been able to perfect in the last fifteen years. It is not unusual for even a State University to work in harmony with a private Institution. Many Canadian Universities now refer students to us regularly, and so far as we can learn, there has never been a single instance of dissatisfaction. Chicago University has turned all its correspondence teaching over to the American Correspondence College, of which Mr. R. T. Miller is President. For several years I did considerable work for this Institution. Several Universities in Great Britain have adopted much the same plan as the University of Chicago adopts, and I am told that in Germany, the same idea has prevailed for some years.

I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of our Calendar, which will show you that we have



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prominent educationists of Ontario affiliated with us. We also have some of the most prominent of our business men, and we have received the very greatest encouragement and assistance of a decidedly practical nature from such men as Mr. J. D. Allan, and Mr. Hugh Blain.. We have also received great support from professional men such as Dr. Powell, Dr. Gibb Wishart, and Mr. Bain.

Our Directors feel that we could substantially broaden the scope of the correspondence work that the University is doing, without in any way impairing the usefulness of that work, and it would afford me very great pleasure to meet yourself and Mr. Abbott, who has charge of the correspondence work, and discuss the situation in detail.

I am enclosing you several letters from students who have taken work with us, that will give you an impression of the work we try to do.

I shall be glad to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

Arthur C. Pratt

President Falconer,
Toronto University,
T O R O N T O.

First Place In Competition with All Canada.

Won by one of our students at Civil Service Examination (Second Division). The following letter explains itself:-

9 Wilton Crescent,
Ottawa, Ont.
June 18, 1914.

The Principal,
Canadian Correspondence College,
15 Toronto St., Toronto.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in advising you that I have today been notified by the Civil Service Commissioners, that I have secured the first place at the recent examination for Second Division Clerks.

The statement of marks is appended, and I believe the total constitutes a record for these examinations.

Writing	43 (max 50)
Spelling	90%
Composition	91%
Literature	90%
Arithmetic	86%
Algebra	86%
Geometry	98%
Physics	99%
Chemistry	90%
French	58%
Total	<u>831</u>

No comment of mine could add anything to these figures, and it only remains for me to express my sincerest thanks to the Canadian Correspondence College for the thorough and careful tuition which has enabled such a splendid result to be achieved at the first attempt.

I remain, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

(signed) W. J. Linford.

(COPY)

Berwick, Ontario,

Oct. 4, 1914.

Dear Secretary,

Kindly state fees for correspondence
lessons in French for Jr. Matriculation.

In June last, I was successful in my
examination in Junior Chemistry.

Thanking you for your painstaking
efforts,

Yours truly,

(signed) J. S. Starke.

(COPY)

Lang, Sask.,

May 20, 1914.

Dear Sirs:

Having received enthusiastic reports of your course from my brother, who has taken the Junior Matriculation, I decided to try for myself.

I have my full Third Class Certificate for Saskatchewan and am desirous of obtaining my Junior Matriculation. Will you kindly give me the particulars of your course and a list of the studies I must take, also the books I should need?

Trusting to receive an answer at your earliest convenience, I am,

Yours truly,

(signed) G. R. Bacon.

(COPY)

Wellesley, Sept. 1st, 1914.

Dear Sirs:-

I received your letter regarding my examination and am sorry that I have not sent you word before this.

I am glad to report that I was successful in my exam. and obtained fairly high marks in all but History and Composition. The results were as follows:

Writing-----	29.....	50
Copying manuscripts----	47.....	50
Spelling & Dictation---	95.....	100
Geography-----	77.....	100
Arithmetic-----	70.....	100
History-----	49.....	100
Compostion-----	45.....	100

Would also like to state that I am well satisfied with the training I have received in taking your course, and intend starting a Junior Matriculation course in the near future. I am,

Yours student,

(signed) Albert Ottmann.

(COPY)

Blyth, Ont., Aug. 27/14.

Canadian Correspondence College,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I wrote on the examination last June and was successful in getting over 60 per cent on two papers and so I have completed my Matriculation and expect to go to College next Fall.

Your College was sure a great help in preparing for the examination.

Yours truly,

(signed) G. G. Jewitt.

(COPY)

Kindersley, Sask.,

April 21, 1914.

Canadian Correspondence College,

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs:-

I am now working on the last of the Geometry tests you have sent me and shall be ready for the next in the course of a couple of days.. Kindly forward the rest as soon as possible as I do not wish to waste any time.

Your lessons have been very helpful to me, in not only making Latin and Geometry clear, but training the power of concentration and perseverance.

Hoping to receive the other lessons at an early date, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

(signed) Lottie M. Linfoot.

January 27th, 1915

A. C. Pratt, Esq., M.R.F.,

Suite 15,

15 Toronto Street,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Dr. Abbott is at present in bed with an attack of bronchitis and will not likely be able to be at the University until next week at the earliest. Also, I am to be away next week in New York, so that I am afraid we cannot arrange to meet you until after my return. Would you mind communicating with me, say on Monday, the 8th of February, when we shall probably be able to fix a suitable date for our conference?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



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Suite #15, 15 Toronto St.,

Toronto, Feb. 8, 1915.

Dear Mr. President:

Referring to your kind favor
of January 27th, I beg to say that I will be
very glad indeed, to meet Dr. Abbott and your-
self at any time and place that will be con-
venient to you.

With very kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. C. Pratt

Pres. R. A. Falconer,
Toronto University,
City.

February 9th, 1915

A. C. Pratt, Esq., M.E.P.,

Suite 15,

15 Toronto Street,

Toronto.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by President Falconer to say that he has arranged with Dr. Abbott to meet you on Friday, February 12th, at eleven o'clock, in the President's Office, University Main Building.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.